GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department – AP Jail Services – Collection of User Charges from private educational institutions for visiting Jails – Permission – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

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HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1312 **Dated:07.11.2023**

Read the Following:-

1. Lr.No: V-11018/3/2010-PR, dated: 24-07-2015 of the Joint Secretary (CS), GOI, M/HA(CS Division), New Delhi.
2. Government Memo No.7361/P & F/A2/2015, Dated: 24.08.2015.
3. From the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Letter No. Jud-2/278/2022, dated: 24.11.2022, 20.04.2023 & 07.08.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh has stated that in the reference 2nd read above Government have delegated the power of granting permission for allowing visitors inside jails by individuals/NGOs/Company/Press for the purpose of undertaking research, making documentary, interviewing the inmates to the Head of Prisons Department for the visitor of Indian Nationality, subject to following the guidelines issued by Government of India in the reference 1st read above.

2. The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh has further stated that some of the Schools/Colleges are frequently visiting the Jails to conduct study tours. After Covid-19 pandemic has slowed down, requests for Jail visits are increasing abnormally. Due to this increase of visitors, there are hindrances in day to day administration of Jails. As the Jails are facing security problem, there is a need to regulate the said outside activities. The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh has proposed to introduce the user charges for visiting Jails in order to regulate the number of visits to Jails. Accordingly, the following rates are proposed for Jails visits:

No. of Days	Charges to be collected in Rs.
One day	Rs.5000/-
Two days	Rs.7,500/-
Three days	Rs.10,000/-

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh for collecting the below proposed user charges from private educational institutions for visiting Jails:

No. of Days	Charges to be collected in Rs.
One day	Rs.5000/-
Two days	Rs.7,500/-
Three days	Rs.10,000/-

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4. The procedure for collecting user charges shall be as follows:

- In case of visit by students for study tour maximum number visitors will be 50 per day.
- Visits requested by State/Central Government institutions will be exempted for visiting charges.
- The user charges for Jail Visits will be collected from the institutions by way of Cheque/DD.
- The Head of the Institutions shall address the concerned Jail Superintendent for permission of Jail visit along with Cheque/DD.
- Upon receipt of the letter requesting Jail visit, the concerned Jail Superintendent shall check the availability of date of visit requested by the Institution and forward the same to O/o the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh along with his recommendations for getting approval of the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services (i.e., Headquarters).
- After receipt of the permission from the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services for the Visit, the concerned Jail Superintendent shall allow the visit to commence as per prison rules and report compliance.
- Even after obtaining permission for a Jail Visit from O/o the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, the Jail Superintendent can any time cancel the same visit due to Administrative Reasons and inform the same to the concerned Institution.
- Once permission is accorded by the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services for a Jail visit of an institution, the concerned Jail Superintendent can change the date of visit on administrative reasons by informing the same to the concerned institution, with intimation to the Headquarters.
- In case a Jail visit has to be cancelled by the Jail Superintendent due to administrative reasons, the Jail Superintendent shall return the cheque/DD to the concerned institution duly obtaining the acknowledgement.
- After completion of the Jail Visit, the concerned Jail Superintendent, shall debit the user charges collected from the visitors to Andhra Pradesh Prison Development Board Fund and report compliance.
- This order ipso-facto does not grant any right to any institution to insist any right to visit particular prison.

5. The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

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